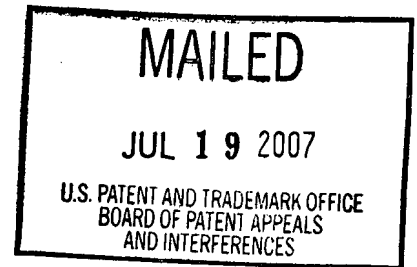


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte MANFRED GILBERT

Application No. 10/694,690



This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 25, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed May 22, 2006. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner properly considered the IDS submitted nor notified appellants of why the submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for

1) consideration of the IDS, 2) written notification to appellant regarding the result of the examiner's consideration, and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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